

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before the first paragraph and after the title, insert the following heading:

--Field and Background of The Invention--

Page 2, change the paragraph beginning on line 19 to read:

--In the case of products sold as "ready dishes", which are already seasoned and previously cooked/baked/fried, these are wrapped up in packs developed under the highest conservation and sterilization standards, which may or may not be kept under refrigeration, also allowing their heating by microwave and general ovens.--

Page 2, before the paragraph beginning on line 29 insert the heading:

--Summary of the Invention-- .

Page 3, amend the paragraph beginning on line 7 to read:

--One of the preferential embodiments of the present invention consists of the fact that the marking or engraving can be done by means of laser ray applying devices, with wavelengths obtained by different components (gas, crystal, liquid, chemical reaction, etc.), being said rays previously regulated by PLC (programmable logic control) with or without monitoring sensors, which can be used, for example, to recognize the type of meat to be marked, its texture, grammage, and control printing tones, shapes, statements, figures and further information.--

Page 4 before the paragraph beginning on line 5 insert the heading:

--**Brief Description of the Drawings**--.

Page 4, correct the paragraphs beginning on lines 8,10 and 24 to read as follows:

--Figure 2 shows a schematic cut of the meat, as a symbolic slice, already marked by the mean means as shown by the previous figure.

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Concerning the illustrated figures, the present invention refers to a marking or engraving means applied over the external surface of meats in general and the resulting product, the marking or engraving means (1) being automated (A) or manual and applied over the external surface (S) of meat (2) in general, meats as obtained in parts (2a), pieces/cubes (2b), slices (2c), milled portions (hamburgers, meatballs) (2d), sausages (2e) and/or any other form, meat (2) of any kind or origin (bovine, swine, poultry, fish, buffaloes, filled in natural and/or artificial tripes, and other kinds), in raw (refrigerated or frozen), baked, fried, cured, dried, smoke-dried state or others, originating or not from preparing stages (E), i.e. seasoned or not, which is forwarded to equipment or devices (3) producing calories or rays with appropriate intensity, preferably regulated by PLC, so that, according to the type of meat to be marked, engravings (4) in high or low relief are obtained, which can reproduce logos (L) and further technical information (T) on the surface (S) of said meat (2), enabling its recognition visually and/or by touch, by the consumer.

A marking or engraving mean means can be embodied by means of devices applying laser rays (not shown), whose wavelengths are obtained by different components (gas, crystal, liquid, chemical reaction, etc.), being said rays previously regulated by PLC with or without monitoring sensors (R), which can be used, for example, to recognize the

type of meat to be marked, its texture, grammage, and control printing tones, shapes, statements, figures and further information, forming printings (4) in low or high relief.--